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Applicant has carefully considered the above identified Office Action, and in response thereto is addressing each issue raised by the examiner in the remarks hereinbelow. Applicant has amended claims 1, 9 and 16.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 7, 14 and 21 were restricted without traverse. Claims 7, 14 and 21 will be reinstated, upon allowance of a generic claim.

Claim Rejection 35 USC 102(b)

Applicant disagrees with examiner's rejection of claims 1, 9 and 16 with the Sayer '804 patent. Sayer does not disclose, teach or suggest the insertion of a seal BETWEEN the ends of two adjacent frame members. Sayer '804 teaches inserting a rigid corner gusset INTO the inner cavities of two adjacent frame members, but not BETWEEN the ends. Rigid corner gussets do not seal the adjacent ends to each other. A rigid corner gusset merely locates two adjacent frame members. If the corner gusset was compressible, the window frame of Sayer would become flexible and not suitable for a window frame. Using a prior art reference under 102(b) for anticipation requires that the prior art reference contain all limitations found in the accused claim, the Sayer '804 patent does not contain all claim limitations found in claims 1, 9 and 16.

Sayer does not disclose, teach or suggest a compressible seal placed between the ends of two adjacent frame members. Further, the corner gusset of Sayer does not create a seal between the ends of two adjacent frame members. Applicant has also changed the word "edge" to the word "perimeter" in claims 1, 9 and 16. The Sayer patent does not disclose, teach or suggest applying a sealing strip to an outside perimeter of the at least four frame members.

Additionally as to claims 9 and 16, Sayer does not disclose, teach or suggest a draw member that secures the ends of the two adjacent frame to each other. Additionally as to claim 16, Sayer does not disclose, teach or suggest, adjusting at least one draw member to change a length of the outside perimeter of the removable window insulator to fit into a window frame. All claims dependent upon allowable claims 1, 9 and 16 are also allowable.

Allowance Subject Matter

Applicant agrees with examiner that claims 2 - 4, 10 - 12 and 17 - 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims

C O N C L U S I O N

It is respectfully submitted that applicant has responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this application, and this application is now in condition for allowance. In this regard, applicant has made every effort to comply with the requirements set forth in this Office Action as well as statutory requirements. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this amendment, allow the claims, and pass this application on to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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